

Wakefield Thwarts

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Wakefield stopped Ray Friday's run for a two-point conversion in the closing minutes last night to end Stuart's bid for an undefeated season, 7-6, in a Virginia AAA Northern District game at Stuart.

Trailing by a point with four minutes to play, the Raiders elected to go for a victory after scoring a touchdown. But Friday was upended by Wakefield's Harvey Garner, Ray Crawford, David Esaw and Ray Culpepper.

"We never even considered going for one point," said Stuart coach Jerry Fauls. "We wanted to win. I have no regrets."

The loss drops Stuart, 3-1 in league and 4-1 overall, back into the pack in the district and lets Wakefield (3-2) back into the race. The loss was also expected to alter Stuart's No. 2 ranking in the area.

Moscoe Brownlee climaxed an 82-yard Wakefield drive with a one-yard drive in the final seconds of the first half and Lou Klepec kicked the conversion.

On a desperation drive in the fourth quarter, Friday and quarterback John Banks moved the Raiders down the field. Friday found one of the few holes in the Wakefield line when he plunged into the end zone from the five. It was Friday's 12th touchdown of the year. He leads area scorers with 72 points.

Stuart moved the ball from the opening kickoff. It started on the 26, but after reaching Wakefield's one the drive was stopped on fourth down by Darry Venable and Jay Collins.

"We had so many big plays tonight I can't remember them all," said Wakefield coach Bruce Hanson. "The defense did a super job and Brownlee and Melvin Cook ran like madmen."

2-Point Bid, Nips Stuart